

The Sydney Morning Herald.

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FRIDAY MARCH 21, 1862.

BIRTHS.
On the 7th instant, at Surry Hills, Victoria-street, Mrs. G. W. Buff, of a daughter.
On the 11th instant, at Bowery, the wife of Malcom C. Brewster, Esq., of New York, of a son.
On the 12th instant, at her residence, Tufts Cottage, Cuba street, Richmond, Melbourne, Mrs. Robert G. Kingsmill, of a daughter. *Martinsburg*, Perry place.

On the 13th instant, at Cheltenham, Surrey Hills, the wife of Mr. H. W. Younger, of a son.

On Sunday, the 16th instant, at her residence, South Head Road, Mrs. M. W. Younger, of a daughter.

DEATHS.
On the 1st instant, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. Edward Jones, of the Green, Annie Maria, second daughter of Rev. J. F. Jones, Esq., of New York.

On the 12th instant, at Rivesdale, Kincora, by the Rev. John Kinross, Mr. Peter Blaikie, of Sydney, Jessie Robb, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Robb, Esq.

On the 16th instant, at St. John's Church, Parramatta, by the Rev. R. L. King, C. Howard Pringle, Esq., M.D., eldest son of John Pringle, Esq., of J. & C. Howard Pringle, Esq., M.A., F.R.C.S., surgeon to Anne, third daughter of the Hon. William Byrnes, M.L.C., Parramatta.

MARRIAGES.
On the 1st instant, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. Edward Jones, of the Green, Annie Maria, second daughter of Rev. J. F. Jones, Esq., of New York.

On the 12th instant, at Rivesdale, Kincora, by the Rev. John Kinross, Mr. Peter Blaikie, of Sydney, Jessie Robb, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Robb, Esq.

On the 16th instant, at the residence of his parents, Fosterville, Hurstville, William, fourth son of John and Susan Harvey, in the 18th year of his age.

On the 19th instant, at his residence, 29, Stanley-street, Woolloomooloo, after a long and painful illness, Mr. Robert D. Curvynkane, in the 58th year of his age.

DEATHS.
On the 11th December, Mrs. William Moore, the widow of Mr. William Moore, of the British Survey, and sister of Mr. S. L. Loft, steam-ship, Wollongong, in her thirty-fifth year.

On the 16th instant, at Burwood, Catherine, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore.

On the 18th instant, at the residence of his parents, Fosterville, Hurstville, William, fourth son of John and Susan Harvey, in the 18th year of his age.

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SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—FREIGHT AND INSURANCE OF GOLD BY STEAM SHIPS OF THIS COMPANY.

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HENRY MOORE, agent.

Moore's Wharf, 7th March.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—NOTICE TO CON-

EIGNEES.—Consignees are requested to inform themselves that all bills of lading and port tickets for cargo by steam ships of this company must be duly endorsed by their delivery will be made.

HENRY MOORE, agent.

12th March.

H. N. S. N. COMPANY'S STEAM TO THE HUNTER.—The WILLIAMS, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT, at 11.

J. COHEN, manager.

Office, foot of Market-street.

HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—Steam to and from the HUNTER during the month of March.

THE WILLIAMS, on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 1 p.m.

From SYDNEY.

THE PATRONS, on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, at 11 p.m.

From MORPETH.

THE WILLIAMS, on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 8 a.m.

The PATRONS, on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 8 a.m.

A Steamer to CLARENCE TOWN direct, on the 25th, at 8 a.m.

There will be no morning boat this month, as the CITY OF NEWCASTLE is laid up for her half-yearly inspection.

P. J. COHEN, manager.

Offices, foot of Market-street.

THE AUSTRALASIAN SUMMER NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

To MELBOURNE.—CITY OF SYDNEY, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 3.

To ADELAIDE.—Steamer on about 18th April.

To THE HUNTER RIVER.—COLLAROY, TO-NIGHT, FRIDAY, 18th.

To CLARENCE TOWN.—Steamer, WEDNESDAY, 2nd April, 11 p.m.

To BRISBANE, direct.—BALCUTHA, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 6.

To MARYBOROUGH, NEWCASTLE.—WARATAH, TUESDAY EVENING, at 10.

To ROCKHAMPTON, direct.—BOOMERANG, THURSDAY, 27th March, 6 p.m.

From BRISBANE.—LITCHFIELD.—THE BRISBANE.

From BRISBANE.—MURWICH.—GLADSTONE, and ROCKHAMPTON.—THE CLARENCE, 1st and 15th April.

JAMES PATERSON.

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NOTICE.—SHIPS FOR BRISBANE.—Free

Goods to be sent by 1st April, for BAL-

CUTHA, at the entrance of the Port of C. W. W.

Boat and Drawback goods at the entrance foot of Margaret-street.

JAMES PATERSON.

A. S. N. Co., 21 March, 1862.

MANLY.—STEAMER LEANDERS, DAILY.—

10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

ON WEDNESDAYS.

From Parramatta, at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

From Sydney, at 9 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

FARIES.

Cabin 1s. 6d.

Steerage 1s. 0d.

Two return 1s. 6d.

Or Nineties each way.

L. L. WAKA S. N. CO'S STEAMERS

WOLONGONG and KIAMA, THIS NIGHT, at 11.

MONDAY, at noon.

KIAMA, on MONDAY, at noon.

WAKA, on MONDAY, at noon.

CLYDE RIVER, on MONDAY, at noon.

MERRIMBA, on WEDNESDAY, at 11 p.m.

STEAM TO THE MANNING RIVER.—THE VIC-

TORIA, on MONDAY next, at 9 p.m., calling at

N. westerly.

STEAM TO HOBART TOWN (calling at Edon, Twofold Bay, and the Tamarina). JOHN CLINCH, com-

mander, will call the Patent Slip or about TUES-

DAY, 1st April.

For freight or passage, apply to WILLIS, MERRY,

and CO., 17, Church-still.

THE MORUYA RIVER.—THE ORIENT,

TEEVENS master, sails on SATURDAY next.

JOHN J. LAWRENCE, Victoria Wharf.

THE MORUYA RIVER.—THE WOOD-

PEAK MANSION master, sails on SATUR-

DAY next.

WILLIAM AND JAMES, for SHEFFIELD MARBOUR,

THIS DAY, at 5 a.m., will be ready to

load down immediately, and the freight paid to

JAS. DUFFIN, 10, Sussex-street.

FOR PORT MACQUARIE.—THE MARTHA, from

the COMM. WHARF, Twofold Bay.

ONLY VESSEL FOR BRISBANE.—THE first

class school ship, AUSTRIAN, J. M. T. BRENTOTT, com-

mander.

For freight or passage apply to LAIDLEY, IRELAND,

and CO., Lloyd's Chambers, Chancery-street.

FOR BRISBANE direct.—The favourite trader DON

JUAN, ANGLO-JAPAN, having a large portion

of cargo, will be ready to

apply to H. T. TOWNES and CO.

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favourite regular trader BUONAFARTE, J.

W. ROBB, Commander, will be dispatched in a few days.

For freight or passage apply on board, at the Grafton

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Department of Public Works,

Sydney, 16th March, 1862.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

TENDERS are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see Government Gazette, a copy of which is kept at every police office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the name of the work for which it is intended be written on the cover.

Nature of Works and Supplies.

Date to which Tenders can be received at this Office.

Erection of a Court and Watch House, Begra.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Erection of a Geel at Yass.

1st April.

Construction of a Ferry at Macquarie (or Two) River.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Lambing Flat.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Construction of approaches to Wallington Ferry.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Erection of Court-house and Gaol, Cooma.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Repairs to Cook's River Dam.

1st April.

Erection of a Court and Watch House, Wagstaff.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 26th March.

Construction of a Sea Wall at Fort Macquarie.

1st April.

W. M. ARNOLD.**GOLD ESCORTS.—TENDERS are required for the conveyance of the gold and escort between the Lachlan gold-field and Bathurst, via Orange, in connection with the escort which leaves Bathurst weekly for the Mint.****The vehicles employed must be of a thoroughly serviceable description (a preference being given to the American coach), and capable of carrying at least 10,000 ounces of gold, with a escort of any number of men not exceeding 10.****The tender must state at what rate per trip (or otherwise at what cost per head per trip), including five gold-bags, the work can be performed.****This escort will be required (upon the arrival of the escort party) to leave Bathurst each Wednesday for the Lachlan gold-field, and return to Sydney to arrive at Bathurst with the gold, to meet the escort to Sydney, which leaves Bathurst each Tuesday night.****Tenders to be addressed to the Inspector-General of Police, not later than the 25th instant.****Police Department, Sydney, 17th March, 1862.****AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

Office, NEW Pitt-STREET

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Torres Straits..... 2

Valparaiso and Lima..... 2

Ditto, by steamer, 2

Mauritius..... 2

Morison Bay (in the Mauritius)..... 2

Borneo..... 2

Australia..... 2

Australasia..... 2

Ditto, by steamer, 2

Port Nicholson..... 2

Ditto, by steamer, 2

Port Nelson..... 2

Twofold Bay..... 2

Port Cooper..... 2

Tahiti..... 2

Admiralty Islands..... 2

Otago..... 2

Goods insured with particular average, from 1 to 1 per cent. extra.

TIME RATES ON FILLET AND BONE ONLY.

Free from particular average, 1 per cent.

With particular average..... 4 ditto

Six months..... 6 ditto

Twelve months..... 9 ditto

Second-class vessels subject to arrangement.

N.B.—Policies on gold, and specie to Great Britain, are granted in triplicate, payable in London, in case of loss, or when required.

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AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

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ASSURANCE OF every contingency of human life.

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ROBERT THOMSON, Actuary and Secretary.

Hunter-street, Sydney, May 31.

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Life policies indisputable, except in cases of fraud.

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Applications are invited from persons desirous to promote the interests of the society, by sending an agent or medical referee.

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THE SYDNEY MONTHLY OVERLAND MAIL.

By the Northam.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY NEWS.

From 20th FEBRUARY to 20th MARCH, 1862.

February 20th.

There has been little to note since the departure of the mail for Europe, except the great delay of the incoming mail, which has caused great anxiety.

Dr. Cox has been elected physician, and Dr. Jones surgeon, to the Sydney Infirmary.

A public meeting has been held at Morpeth, at which a sentence of two months' imprisonment, passed upon one Maria Hogan, "for stealing an empty purse," has been condemned, and Mr. Buchanan has been requested to "lay the matter before the Government, with such explanation as he deems necessary."

The members of the Rifle Club connected with No. 1 Company Sydney Battalion Volunteer Rifles held their first quarterly meeting for prize shooting, at the military barracks, on Wednesday. The members were divided into two classes. Of the first class, Capt's Raymond and Mr. Hunt were the highest scorers. On the second, Mr. Flaxman and Mr. L. C. Moore were the best.

The late Mr. James Donaldson, a private of No. 2 Company Sydney Battalion Volunteer Rifles, was buried with military honours on Tuesday.

The Hon. W. C. Wentworth, President of the Legislative Council, has presented £50 to the Ragged School Fund.

The children connected with the Wesleyan Balmoral Sunday School, had their annual excursion on Tuesday, the people being entertained at Walker's Hotel.

A most affrighted and unprovoked attack was recently made at Quinsbury, by a number of men and boys on a party of Chinese, who were en route for Kiandra. Bruised and beaten as they were, and some of them cut severely, they proceeded quietly on their way next morning, while the wretches who had wantonly maltreated them escaped unpunished.

There has been a flood at Cooma, during which the new bridge at Sharp-street, on the Queanbeyan Road, was washed away.

It is stated that the man Robinson, who murdered Mrs. Orth, a German woman, at the Sassafras, Shoalhaven, about five years ago, has been captured in Victoria.

An action by Messrs. R. M. Robey and J. R. Dibble against the Australian Stock Bank has been tried during the week, and has excited considerable interest among the community. The amount of damages claimed to recover overdrawn to the extent of £12,000 was limited to £7000, without the six months' notice stipulated for having been given.

The man's defence was that Mr. Robey (the principal plaintiff), who had managed the whole matter with the bank, had consented to substitute an arrangement under which the bank gave him the same amount of aid by discounting his own bills in favour of his firm. Such an arrangement was proposed to have been made, but there was no record of it (we add) that Mr. Robey accepted it in satisfaction, and discharge of his original contract, for a cash credit with six months' notice of any change in arrangements.

A woman named Agnes Wilson died on Tuesday evening from the effects of intestinal disease accelerated by neglect.

The body of two men, named Joseph Howard and William Reilly, alias Panterton, were recently found drowned near Gillingham. Some horses were standing near, which the drowned men had clearly intended to steal.

Alderman James Byrnes has been elected Mayor of Parramatta.

A meeting for the advocacy of total abstinence principles was held at the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening.

The Scene correspondent of the *Mail and Mercury* states that the crushing machine at Moaman, Denison diggings, realises upwards of two ounces per ton.

Four men, who were reported to have been at the bridge at Evans Pickett, and at Vale Creek, have been arrested. Mr. William Smith, of Fingal Swamp, lost several stacks, and had a paddock of growing corn and some fencing destroyed, entailing a loss of some £400. The fencing, &c., has been destroyed.

A Bathurst directory and almanac has just been published, and is very well got up.

Some bushels were recently sold at Yass by a young man calling himself Mortimer, which proved to have been stolen. He got safely off with the proceeds. This pretended Mortimer turned out to be one Lerry.

Miss M'Donnell, of Singleton, has been severely hurt in the spine by being thrown from a carriage, a company with Mr. W. M. McDonnell and Miss Fitzgerald. The two latter were unseated.

Cook, Cook, and Cook, have elected chairman of Waterside, Captain H. B. Cook, chairman of Waterley, and Mr. G. W. Allen, chairman of the Glass.

A meeting of the Australian Jockey Club was held on Thursday afternoon, at which the time for the Great Randwick Handicap was changed from the 19th to the 26th of April—the Autumn Meeting following on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May.

Friday, 21st to 28th February.

The present week is closing gloomily. The English news, just received via Mauritius, disclosed sufficient probabilities of war with the Northern States of America to render people anxious, and to create much discussion in all quarters. But the announcement of Prince Albert's death has caused an amount of regret, and elicited some sympathy from our beloved sovereign, who cannot have been exceeded in any part of her dominions.

A public meeting, which was to have been held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday evening, to devise means for completing that building, was adjourned by Archbishop Polding until Thursday next, on account of the Prince Consort's death. Sir John Young also postponed a dinner party which had been fixed for Thursday evening.

The *Wagga Wagga Express* states that there have been nearly 6000 acres of land taken up in that district under the "free selection" regulation.

A cab driver named Jackson was stabbed in the cheek during a brawl on Saturday evening by a man named Stewart.

The Municipal Council of Central Illawarra gave a banquet on St. Patrick's Day, which was observed as a fast day, and the dinner was delayed until after the service.

Mr. T. A. Barton, of Ulladulla, has been appointed a member of the Western District, and Comanche, in the Eastern District, has been reported.

A man named Isaac Davis, employed as a navvy on the Great Northern Railway, had, last week, one of his legs broken and the lower part of his body much crushed by a ballast train compressing him against the side of a narrow cutting before he could get out of its way.

The skeleton of a man, found some months' since at Wollongong, illustrates peculiarly the voracity of the white ants. These insects have burrowed into the hard substance of the bones, completely honeycombing them.

Mr. Keay, of Pitt-street, has manufactured a very handsome carriage for the Dun-Mountain Tramway, New Zealand.

The friends of Richard Green, champion sculler of Port Jackson, met on Monday evening, at Tattersall's, and, with a view to enable him to visit England, to contend for the championship of the Thames. From £30 to £90—about one-fourth of the sum required—have been subscribed.

Mr. Barton, senior, of Pinxton-hill, Kiamia, shot himself on the 19th instant. Deceased was about eighty years of age, comfortably situated; and shortly before committing the fatal act, appeared in his usual health and spirits. It is supposed that he must have laboured under some temporary mental aberration.

A complimentary concert was given to M. Boulangier, at the Masonic Hall, York-street, on Monday evening.

A woman, named Bridget Fin, aged 30, who resided with her husband in Pine-street, Shepherd's Paddock, died suddenly on Saturday, from the effects of a protracted drinking bout.

Two men, who were working getting out timber from the hold of the L. A. Marlow on Monday, were very severely injured by the falling of a quantity of timber, when a sudden gust of wind caused them to lurch. One man had both his legs broken, and the other was injured in the spine, besides being bruised from head to foot.

A man named Anderson, a lamplighter, when attempting to descend from one of the Pitt-street tenement houses, on Monday, sprained his back, and was severely injured.

A Chinaman employed at the station of Messrs. Henry and Perry, of Dawson River, as a shepherd, has recently been murdered by the blacks.

Upwards of 100 Chinamen have registered their names with the clerk of petty sessions, Bathurst, under the provisions of the Act of last session for the protection of Chinese in migration.

A licensee, who was named Doyle, was recently stopped near the Fish River, by two armed men, and robbed of the contents of his cart, including a box of jewellery worth £70. Doyle estimates his total loss at £100.

Fenwick's inn, at the Tooley River, six miles from Goulburn, was recently visited by three men, armed and masked, who carried off about £25 worth of property.

The annual general meeting of St. Lawrence's Parochial Association was held on Monday evening, at St. Iustachur's schoolhouse, under the presidency of the Rev. Mr. Walker.

A writ of election has been issued for the return of a member of Assembly for New England, in the room of Mr. George Macklaw, resigned.

The committee at Tattersall's have decided in reference to the postponement of the great Randwick Handicap, that the bets upon all double events stand good, but that those on single events are off. The question is, however, to be referred to Adjudicating Rous.

A peacock named for £10 came off on Monday, on the road near Bathurst, Surry Hills, between J. Driscoll and Charles Chalmon, distance 100 yards. Driscoll won easily.

The Rev. Dr. Lang recently delivered an address on the subject of State aid to Religion, at the Baptist chapel, Hinton.

A series of old English sports with the accompaniment of a bullock roast and whale and other good cheer, came off in the Park at Parramatta, on Tuesday, to celebrate the incorporation of the town under the Municipalities Act of 1858.

Messrs. James Keels, Kennedy Hill, and Alexander Johnston have been appointed superintendents of roads other than main roads; and Messrs. J. B. Burne, William Shelly, Coln Fletcher, and James Hetherington, overseers of roads.

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CULTIVATION OF COTTON IN AUSTRALIA. The report of the meeting to promote the production of Australian cotton will be read with much satisfaction. The whole colony is deeply obliged to those gentlemen who manifest such untiring zeal to augment our exportable products. The present condition of the cotton market shows how necessary it is that a supply should be obtained from the colonies of Great Britain, and that the millions who depend upon this fibre should be saved from that tremendous risk which now creates so much alarm.

His Excellency Sir JOHN YOUNG was probably right in assuming that whatever might be the fate of the South—whether or not the check in the production of cotton is likely to be permanent—the supply will not equal the demand as to reduce the price below the remunerating point.

The question, however, returns what are the best means by which this colony can share in the task and profits of cotton production. The quality of the cotton procurable is sufficiently attested, and the experiments made are quite in harmony with the expectations which might be founded upon our climate, geographical position, and soil. We see no reason whatever for supposing that the same number of skilled hands who gain a given result in Texas, where cotton is grown by free labour—chiefly by German settlers—would not, if placed upon an Australian farm, be equally successful. We may regard the physical possibility of production as a settled point, and the only question which can remain must be brought under the very vulgar but very important formula—will it pay? To this our attention must be carefully directed, and we should not act with the usual judgment of America and their restoration are not less clear. For the first time the public opinion of the world has been arrayed in opposition to a practice, not without high sanction, but which has been often resented by most civilized nations. It was not the voice of France and Austria speaking in behalf of the British nation, but a spontaneous movement for maintaining the liberty of the seas, and placing all maritime peoples within the protection of clear and indisputable law. Even the Americans themselves may be said to share in this victory. By an act of aggression on the part of one of their naval commanders they have forced to immediate and final determination the question of belligerent rights violated in the persons of the Commissioners. The case of the Trent will thus stand out in the internations of the whole civilized world as a new starting point, clear, unquestionable, and paramount to all obsolete claims. In this every man, whatever be his nation, may rejoice. It is another achievement of freedom, and henceforth no man will feel himself accessible to the grasp of a hostile state when once his feet are firmly planted upon the deck of a neutral vessel, when once he is under the asylum of the British flag. There was no danger that England would ever dispute practically the sacredness of such an asylum if offered by any other nation; but in resisting the outrage on the Trent she has united with all other maritime powers to stamp with the seal of international authority the glorious prerogative of a free people, to shelter the fugitives or the persecuted subjects of other nations.

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In the course of the discussions which have arisen we have had the most gratifying evidence of friendly spirit in the great ally of England. Notwithstanding suggestions to the contrary, we believe that the interposition was generous and in good faith, and that it was intended to accomplish what it will not fail to effect—establish in the mind of England a warmer interest in the welfare of France, and a firmer conviction of the fidelity of its Government. It is only a few years ago that the warlike preparations of France compelled England to arouse from her inactivity and gird up her loins. At that time all disclaimers of hostile intentions were received with suspicion, and NAPOLEON's disposition to insult and wrong the British nation was inferred from his apparent growing power to do so. But since that time the dread of France has vanished, because England has felt herself equal to her own protection, and that she no longer lives upon the forbearance of any power, however great. To this state of suspicion, the natural attendant of unrediness, has succeeded a confidence, both in France and in ourselves. We feel that we are worth the friendship of France—that as allies we can give as much as we ask, and that in reciprocating the sentiments of friendship we are only discharging a joint obligation. France, like America, has indeed the power to inflict enormous mischief upon Great Britain, but neither has the power to do so without suffering in return all they can inflict.

If, however, we do not see how the labour question is to be met, when we treat cotton growing as a primary employment, it is very different when we regard it as auxiliary, and as a resource of industrious families, whose joint efforts would enable them to raise two or three thousand lbs. of cotton in addition to their present produce. Without any expenditure but their own toil, they may be able to procure a substance as marketable as wool or gold, which whether little or much would add to their comfort and independence. At present we do not see how cotton can be grown on a large scale, but we believe there are some hundreds of families which could raise a bale or two annually, and thus initiate an interest which may at some future time admit of greater expansion. All such attempts must be awkward and blundering at first, and the practical knowledge of an experienced American may be of great value in smoothing the path of the first adventures.

With it is our duty to look keenly at statistics, and to examine with unspiring severity all the facts on which they are based, we can have only one wish and hope,—namely, that the most flattering expectations may be realised. The committees chosen by the meeting to confer with the Government are men of business, and their report will doubtless comprehend many of those points which we have now submitted to our readers.

THE AMERICAN DIFFICULTY.

THE late difference with America will be attended with some beneficial and, we fear, some undesirable results. The last are obvious enough. It will tend to embitter the relations of the United States with Great Britain, and leave a sense of humiliation in the mind of the Republic more lasting than the loss of a campaign. Had a prudent silence been observed by official men, or had they still better, at once met the outrage with censure, and removed the aggressor from his command, and despatched in their own vessels the passengers unlawfully taken from a British ship, the transaction would have been upon the whole honourable, and its effect conciliatory. But we cannot but perceive that the menace of Europe and the decisive course of Great Britain have arrested the statesmen of Washington. Nor will that portion of the American Press, who have long cherished unfriendly feelings towards England, omit to exaggerate the humiliation. They will quote the loud eulogies and acclamations with which the aggression was hailed, and the language of proud defiance with which it was vindicated. They will compare both with the rapid termination of the case by the surrender of the commissioners to a British man-of-war.

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1.—**LIVERPOOL HOUSE AND GROUNDS**, situate at Pitts Point, at present occupied by R. J. WANT, Esq.2.—**MARLBOROUGH-TERRACE**, a handsome row of three-story dwelling-houses in Liverpool-street, between Dowling and Forbes streets, at present occupied by Messrs. Hart, Ryrie and Steel, together with the cottage at the rear, occupied by Mr. Robinson.3.—**FOUR TWO-STORY, BRICK-BUILT DWELLING-HOUSES**, situate in PRINCE-STREET, on the western side, within a short distance of Crescent-street. Each house contains five rooms, and entrance, with open verandahs, a good proportion of small garden at the rear, the depth of the land being unusually great. Three of the houses are occupied by Captain Walker, Mr. C. Teakle, and Mrs. Cherry. The fourth is at present vacant.4.—**A LARGE TWO-STORY RESIDENCE IN KENT-STREET**, with garden in front, at present occupied by JAMES MANSON, Esq.

** This property is generally known as Captain Ashman's Cottage.

5.—**THE LIGAR-TERRACE, KENT-STREET NORTH**, consists of three houses of six rooms, and entrance hall to each, with kitchen, and other offices.

** This property is close to the quarry, and immediately under the Flagstaff.

FOR POSITIVE SALE.

That choice Station known as UNDERCLIFFE.

Situate in the UPPER CLARENCE DISTRICT, together with 16,556 SHEEP, MORE OR LESS.

TERMS.—One-third cash, residue by approved bills at one and two years from date of sale, with bank discount added, secured upon the stock and station.

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That valuable pastoral property known as UNDERCLIFFE, situate near the head of the North Branch of the Clarence River, and immediately adjoining the stations of ACACIA-CREEK, and MARYLAND, in DRAINE'S DISTRICT, is distant about 35 MILES FROM WARWICK, and 180 MILES FROM IPSWICH, and about the same distance from Grafton.

THE COUNTRY consists throughout of sound open ridges, the timber being chiefly eucalyptus, interspersed with apple trees, &c. It is ABUNDANTLY WATERED, and will carry 16,000 SHEEP IN ALL SEASONS.

THE IMPROVEMENTS on Undercliff consist an excellent residence, stables, huts, &c., and five out-station huts, all substantially built, with yards and hurdles at each.

With the Undercliff run will be sold the following sheep—

5,500 ewes, more or less, 1 to 6 years.

2,400 wethers, ditto, 1 to 3 years.

2,500 lambs, ditto, mixed males.

1,000 rams, ditto.

TOTAL, 10,500 sheep, more or less.

WARRANTED SOUND, AND NEVER TO HAVE BEEN TURNED OUT OF BREED.

** These are really superior sheep, and the wool always commands the highest market rates.

Stores, working bullocks, station, horses, &c., to be taken at valuation.

MORT and CO. invite intending purchasers to inspect this property prior to sale. It is a sound, healthy run, and the stock in fine condition, and for the large PROPORTION OF YOUNG BREEDING EWES, now so much in demand, it is well worth attention.

Further particulars, if required, can be obtained at the Rooms, Pitt-street.

BALMAIN ESTATE.

GREAT SALE OF THE WHOLE OF THE RESIDUE.

Terms, very liberal.

DAY OF SALE—WEDNESDAY, April 2nd.

MORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, April 2nd.

The remaining portions of the BALMAIN ESTATE, consisting of 160 BLOCKS OF LAND, varying in extent from about

1 OF AN ACRE TO 4 ACRES EACH,

SECTIONS 4 TO 15—70 BLOCKS.

SECTIONS 18 and 19—9 BLOCKS, all of which have WATER FRONTAGE to WHITE BAY, IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE THE GLASS ISLAND ABATOIRS.

SECTION 20—BLOCKS, of which 4 have WATER FRONTAGE to WHITE BAY.

SECTIONS 22 and 27—4 BLOCKS.

SECTIONS 35, 36, and 37—11 BLOCKS, of which 10 have WATER FRONTAGE to LONG COVE, and 1 section to the DARRLING ROAD.

SECTIONS 44 and 45—12 BLOCKS, of which 8 have WATER FRONTAGE to LONG COVE.

SECTION 46—BLOCKS.

The above is now in the market for bona fide sale, the proprietors having decided to dispose of the whole of the estate.

The high lands about the centre of the property, and the blocks fronting Long Cove, consist of the most BEAUTIFUL BUILDING SITES, admirably adapted for FIRST-CLASS VILLAS, with orchards, gardens, &c., the extent of the blocks affording ample space for such.

The lands on the south-east side are admirably adapted for FORMING GRAZING PADDOCKS, in connection with the Abattoirs at Glass Island.

It must be remembered that on the completion of the bridge between Pyrmont and the Glass Island, these lands will be easily accessible, and will be within a few minutes' walk of SYDNEY, and their value will then be very different to anything they have ever yet attained to.

* With the assistance of the above summary, a glance at the Lithograph of the Estate will enable intending purchasers at once to ascertain what lots are now being brought forward, and the best choice of the estate.

PLAN and fullest particulars at the Rooms.

PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

GIGANTIC BLOCK OF LAND—HEART OF THE CITY, and the largest that has been offered for public competition for some time.

TITLE.—Unquestionable. For full particulars apply to Messrs. Bilyard and Curtis, Hunter-street.

Terms at sale.

MORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd April.

That extensive block of land close to THE CORNER OF CLARENCE AND BUNTER STREETS, having the following dimensions, and containing 100 acres, and extending in one block now unbuilt upon in the city, 720 FEET FRONTAGE TO PITT-STREET, BY 200 FEET 7 INCHES IN DEPTH.

This splendid block of land is situated on the eastern side of Pitt-street, within a short distance of the Union Bank. Upon it are several stone and wooden buildings of no account, however, as compared with the value of the position. It is often held to be a good investment, as there are so many persons for whom it is a good risk. It is also well suited for a PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ASSEMBLY ROOM, where the public may be accommodated, and for a theatre in one block now unbuilt upon in the city.

200 FEET FRONTAGE TO PITT-STREET, BY 200 FEET 7 INCHES IN DEPTH.

Two cultivation paddocks, well fenced in and cleared; also good and large grass paddock; Large commodious sheath-shed, faithfully built, and would to any person residing in the neighbourhood be found a very desirable and remunerative investment, a considerable portion of the frontage to the PARMA-STREET ROAD, and also a small portion of that to PERRIN-STREET being unbuilt upon.

Horses, carts, &c., to be taken at valuation.

This is a very choice, compact little sheep property. Full particulars will be published shortly. Inspection prior to the sale is invited.

APLESLEY COTTAGE, CAMPERDOWN.

TWO COMFORTABLE BRICK COTTAGES, AND SMALL IRON STORE.

Title unquestionable. Terms at sale.

MORT and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 1st April.

That splendid Station, NEWTON BOYD, together with 100 CATTLE AND 90 HORSES.

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That splendidly-built ship the SALOMER, 270 tons register, iron hull, and now lying in the port of Sydney.

Her dimensions are:

Length, 100 feet, more or less.

Breadth, 22 feet, more or less.

Depth, 7 feet, more or less.

Her fittings may be inspected, and further particulars obtained, from the Captain, on board; at the Rooms; or at the French Consul's Office.

FOR POSITIVE SALE.

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By Order of the Mortgagor.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE.

Extensive Sale of valuable Freeholds, comprising

LOT 1.—**ONE STORY DWELLING-HOUSES**,

situated in KING-STREET, immediately at the rear of lot 1.

LOT 3.—**TWO-STORY DWELLING-HOUSES**,

situated in KING-STREET, fronting 40 ft.

LOT 4.—**BUILDING ALLOTMENTS**, fronting

Blane-street and other reserved streets.

Title unquestionable. For Particulars apply to W.

BURTON BRADLEY, Esq., solicitor, Margaret-street,

Sydney.

Terms very liberal, at sale.

MORT and CO. have been instructed by the MORTGAGERS to sell by public auction, at the Caledonian Hotel, Watt-street, Newcastle, at 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 16th April.

The following very valuable freeholds situated in the leading streets of that city.

LOT 4.—**THREE STORY DWELLING-HOUSES**,

built of brick on substantial stone foundations, slated roofs, and well-finished throughout. Each house

contains front verandahs, two balconies, and eight rooms. The form

A NATIONALLY FAMOUS TERRACE FRONTING

KING-STREET.

with French lights opening upon the balconies, and they occupy a block of land having an area of 1 ROOD AND 16 PERCHES, with

68 FEET FRONTAGE TO KING-STREET, by 230 FEET IN DEPTH.

Each house has a good back yard, with reserved back entrance.

** In addition to the brick yards now enclosed with the houses, a portion of the land at the rear is included in this

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MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.

Tuesday evening.

THE AMOUNT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES PAID TO-DAY IS AS FOLLOWS:—		
Ghee	2s 10d	1
Whisky	2s 9d	1
Perfumed salts	27 7 d	1
Wine	2s 10d	1
Ale, porter, and beer (in wood)	70 10 d	1
Tobacco and snuff (in boxes)	22 17 d	1
Cigars	20 12 d	1
Tea	20 8 d	1
Coffee and chocolate	18 10 d	1
Sugar, unrefined	16 10 d	1
Opium	1s 0 d	1
Total	£200 5 d	4

The Bombay, P. and O. Co.'s steamer, left Gallia on the 25th of January with the English December mail, but she had not since been heard of. The probability seems to be that she was caught in the terrific storms which visited the Eastern Seas in the early part of January, and that, disabled, she may have gone on to the Mauritius.

Messrs. Mort and Co. held to-day their weekly produce sale. The quantity of wool catalogued was 264 bales, but only 75 bales were sold.

The wool market is not so firm

as the accounts received by the Northam show large losses on the wool sold at the November sales; there was little disposition to purchase, and prices are nominal. The bidding to-day was very slack, and most of the lots offered were withdrawn, and the opinion is that a reduction in price must be submitted to in order to effect sales. Besides this the reduction in the rate of exchange has also caused prices to have a drooping tendency.

The only lots sold to-day worthy of notice, were 44 bales fleece, Ross, at 16s d.; 9 bales, PJ, 17d.; 10 bales, RS, 17d.

The prices realized for the lots sold ranged thus: Fleece, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d. Grease, 6d. to 8d. Mixed, 4d. to 6d. Scoured, 1s. 9d.

Sheepskins are not so firm, and prices ruled from 4d. to 1d. per lb. lower than last week.

About 3500 were sold from 4d. to 6d. per lb.

Felt, 1d. to 2d. per lb.

Tallow.—The tallow market was not so firm last week, and on the receipt of the news from England to the 26th December, via Mauritius, prices gave way £2 to £3 per ton. Since then a reaction has taken place, and as the supply has been limited, prices have recovered, and are about 10s. to 20s. lower than last month. 35 casks of tallow were sold to-day, at from 3s. to 36s. 9d. per cwt.

Hides are steady. Heavy hides are in good demand at full rates, and light hides are easier of sale. 307 hides were sold to-day at from 2s. 6d. to 10s. 3d. for light and middling hides, and 14s. 9d. for heavy hides.

At O. B. Ebbworth's produce sale, held to-day, 73 bales of wool were catalogued, of which 25 were sold:—Grease, 75d. to 8d.; fleece, 1s. 2d. Sheepskins brought 4d. to 5d. per lb. Thirty-four casks of tallow were sold at 3s. to 36s. 9d. per cwt.

The Cambodian arrived to-day, from London, with a cargo of general merchandise.

The first shipment of Fiji cotton was sent home by Messrs. George A. Lloyd and Co., in the Damascus, last voyage, and the mail just arrived has brought the account sales from the Cotton Supply Association, showing that the first bale realised 11d. per lb.; the second, 12d.; and the third, 13d.

This cotton was shipped in its natural state, and a charge is made of 26s. for ginning it. If such prices can be obtained for Australian cotton, the producers will have reason to congratulate themselves on having embarked in a successful undertaking.

Messrs. W. Dean and Co. will offer to-morrow (this day), by auction, the cargo of Eastern produce, ex Royal Saxon, from Calcutta, consisting of sugars, rice, pepper, rope, &c. and 100 cases of Havana cigars, ex John Littlefield.

Business during the past month has been pretty brisk, and there has been some speculation in articles that were likely to be affected by any rupture with America. Since the arrival of the Northam, however, with the news that the American difficulty is cleared up, there has been a desire to realise, and they have therefore again returned to their original price. For most articles of consumption there is a better demand, in consequence of the satisfactory news received from our gold-fields, and if these continue to improve at the rate they have lately been doing, we may fairly anticipate profitable business in almost all descriptions of merchandise. The following is the latest report of our markets:—

Flour.—The market is not so firm, and prices have declined about 20s. per ton. Fine flour is worth from £13 to £15 10s. per ton. The millers' quotations, however, remain at £14 per ton for fine flour, and £12 for seconds; wheat, 5s. to 5d. per bushel.

Liquors.—Ale, in bulk, is firm, and continues scarce. First brands are worth from £8 10s. to 29 per cent.; second brands, 47 10s. to 28 10s.; porter in bulk is in rather better supply; but prices rule the same as last month. Taylor's, 2s. 10d. to 27 10s.; second brands, 2s. 10d. to 26 10s.; bottled ale and porter are not so firm, and have declined about 1s. The present prices, for first brands, are 9s. to 10s. Brandy is firm, and is 6d. higher than last month. Martell's is quoted at 12s. 3d. to 12s. 6d.; Hennessy's, 11s. 6d. to 12s. Rum is a little better. 30 o.p. is worth from 3s. 10d. to 4s. 10d.; 2s. 10d. to 3s. 1d. Geneva is in more request, and has advanced 1s. to 1s. 6d. First brands, of low strength, and small quantities, are quoted at 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d. In wine the transactions have been uniform, and are not so active.

Teas are hardly so firm, and prices as compared with last month have slightly given way. Congon and are quoted at £5 to £7 10s. per cwt.; congou, ex Spray, were sold at auction at £7 5s. 6d. to £7 15s. Hyson, skins, ex Emma Preesot, of a very inferior quality, 2s. 6d. per cwt. Fine green teas are scarce, and command full rates.

Sugars are not quite so firm, and at recent sales by auction the prices of Mauritius sugars show a decline of 20s. to 30s. per ton. The ratae ruling last month.

The remaining articles are as follows:—

Rice is a little more in request. Fine Patna is worth 17s. 10d. to 17s. 10d. Java, a very fine sample, 19s. 6d. per cwt.

Salt.—There is a little firmer, and quoted at 2s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; fine, 2s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. Rock is not so firm, and is quoted at 2s. 10d. to 2s. 10d.

Oilman's Stores.—Almost all articles under the heading are in demand and command full prices.

Tobacco.—We have nothing new to report in the tobacco market, the bulk of stocks being still held by speculators. Sales are now only effected at auction, where dealers supply themselves for present consumption, but no advance in price.

Cigars.—Recent importations fully supply the market, but the high rates at Manila, and the report that the Spanish Government intend stopping exports, have been the means of advancing late quotations.

We have Melbourne papers to the 17th instant. From the *Argus* we extract the following:—

The arrival of the mail with the news of the peaceful solution of the American difficulty, and of the removal of a tariff and a half starting of Government revenue defences in the English market, at an average of 20s., has led to an eager bidding in the market, and the prices have never been so high as at present. The market is in a feverish condition, and the prices are now nominal at 3 per cent. premium for delivery on England, which are nominal at 3 per cent. premium for delivery.

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1862.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Turn traffic receipts for the week ending 16th March, 1862, are as under:

Coaching	Goods	Total
Great Southern Line 281 0 1	284 6 0	565 6 0
Great Western Line 212 0 1	212 0 8	212 1 8
Total 593 1 4	598 6 11	1191 7 5
Great Northern Line 626 7 0	626 8 0	1252 5 0

The PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNIQUE.—At the time of the appointment of the Emigration Commissioner, it was thought that his services would be required for twelve months, and it has been consequently expected that he would shortly return to the Government for their recall. The services of Mr. Robertson, however, have been so well appreciated by the Government for the two months he has been engaged, that the Undersecretary of State for the Colonies has directed that he should remain until the end of June, and that the Government will make arrangements for the continuance of his services to the Government for the remainder of the year. It is proposed that the services of Mr. Robertson will take the sense of the House as to whether his services are required for a longer period, and that Parliament will not be called together before the end of June.

CHARLES BOVIS is happy to state that he has been most successful in giving the greatest satisfaction. Both British and Colonial boats have obtained the first reputation in this colony.

CHARLES BOVIS, practical boatmaster and importers, Circular House, 80, King-street, Sydney.

N. B.—The Hobart boat will be ready for inspection in a few days.

THE SCHOOLOWS.—Circassian will take a return cargo of wheat to Town Hill, and we understand that when it arrives it will be a portion of the next cargo for the next two trips. The schooners will charter a vessel for the return to Town Hill, and be loading up with a cargo of miscellaneous colonial produce, sugar, wheat, oats, butter, cheese, bacon, ham, and compressed tea. Lady Denham will be chartered out to-day. The brig will clear out to-morrow, and be towed to sea in the evening. The schooners will be sent forward from the westward and other ports to steer clear of the bar, and will be chartered whenever a demand springs up. Drives have not yet undergone any considerable change lately. Yachts remain at £1 10s. per ton, wheat at £1 10s. and oats at £1 6d. to £1 10s. per bushel.

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THE MERCURY reports of the Hobart Town markets:—

There has not been the least alteration in the rates for colonial produce, except that the price of wheat has risen from £1 10s. to £1 12s. and oats from £1 6d. to £1 8d. for very small samples, oats, barley, and other articles as per last quotations.

MELBOURNE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 17.—The customary holiday in honour of St. Patrick is being observed to-day. The banks and the courts of law are closed, and, although the public offices are kept open, there is nothing doing, with only a few persons to be seen in the city streets.

The intelligence received from Brisbane of the arrival of the colonial steamship Victoria has given very great satisfaction.

There has been a vague, undefined apprehension of disaster abroad for some time, with reference to this vessel, which was reported to have been wrecked on the wreck of the Firefly. The public are prepared to hear any news with reference to everything connected with the exploration Committee, or even that the fatal board had control.

Even now that the safety of the Victoria is known, there is a gloom foreboding over the public mind about Leederville, which is still more imminent.

Leederville, which was to have been named after Burke, has been given the name of Burke's River, in honour of the late Captain Burke, who was lost in the wreck of the Firefly.

It is to be hoped that the Government will be able to do something to meet the emergency.

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